(b) The States of Haryana, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have already achieved cent per cent electrification of villages. I_n the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Nagaland, it is expected that cent per cent electrification of villa ges would be achieved by the end o' the current plan. In the remain States, cent per cent village electrification is expected to be achieved the end of the VIII Plan, subject to the availability of requisite resouri and other inputs.

(c) A_s per present broad estimates funds o'f th_e order of Rs. 2600 c would be required for electrification of the remaining villages in the coun

Power generation from tidal waves

2567. SHRI RAM3INGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will Minister of ENERGY be plea to state:

(a) whether there are any propo sals under consideration for power generation from tidal wa<ves in the Kutch and Saurashtra Regions of Gujarat;

(b) if so, which are the locations in the Kutch area;

(c) whether some Expert Committee has gone through the proposal and submitted reports thereon; if so, what are th_e details thereof;

(d) whether tidial power would b" cheaper than power from other som ces:

(e) how much amount has bee spent in Gujarat so far for research on power generation from tidal waves during the last five years, year-wise; and

(f) what i_s th_e outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Investigations and studies leading to preparation of a techno-econo mic feasibility report of power generation from tidal waves are being carried oui in the Gulf of Kachchh.

(b) The tidal power project under investigations i_s proposed to be located in the Hansthal creek.

Cc) Assistance has been taken from Electricite de France (EDF) twice viz. in MarchApril, 1982 and tuary, 1986. The EDF experts in their report have concluded that a tidal project in the Gulf of Kachchh is technically feasible.

(d) idal powe'r is still in develop-me A_s such, the cost of tidal energy is not likely to be Jess than thp!t of energy from conventional sources such at Hydro, Ther-ind Nuclear.

(e) The expenditure incurred in the last five years on the investiga- I studies is as under:

Ye :r	Expendi ure (Rs. in ' khs)
1982-83	14 50
1983-84	104.90
1984-85	139.36
1985-86	39.00
1986-87	41 44

(f) The field investigations have almost been completed, and engineer ing studies and designs are under progress. The feasiblity study is scheduled to be completed by March. 1988.

Drugs required under the National Health Programme

2568. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA; Will the Minister of INDUS TRY h_e pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced that those drugs which arc required for control of dis